

June 27, 2022

Brian Zolynas
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
90 Seventh Street, Suite 5-300 (5W)
San Francisco, CA 94103-6707

RE: Arizona SPA # 22-0008, Crisis Intervention Services

Dear Mr. Zolynas:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) # 22-0008, Crisis Intervention Services. This SPA clarifies language on crisis intervention services, rather than adding new services, with an effective date of April 1, 2022.

Tribal Consultation and Public Notice Requirements for this SPA have been fulfilled and the corresponding documentation is provided below:

Tribal Consultation:

https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2022/05_12_2022QuarterlyTC.pdf

Public Notice: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/CrisisInterventionServices.html>

If there are any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Ruben Soliz at ruben.soliz@azahcccs.gov or 602-417-4355.

Sincerely,



Dana Flannery
Assistant Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 22-0008	2. STATE AZ
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE 19 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE April 1, 2022	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Section 1947(b) of the Social Security Act	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 22 \$ 0 b. FFY 23 \$ 0
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 3.1-A Limitations, Page 9(e)	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 3.1-A Limitations, Page 9(e)

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Adds clarifying language on Crisis Intervention Services to the State Plan.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS
 SPECIFIED: COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME
Dana Flannery

13. TITLE
Assistant Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: **6/27/22**

15. RETURN TO
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16. DATE RECEIVED	17. DATE APPROVED
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

Peer Support Services: Services provided by persons who have been consumers of the behavioral health system and who are at least 18 years old. Peer support may involve assistance with more effectively utilizing the service delivery system such as assisting with developing plans of care, accessing supports, partnering with professionals, overcoming service barriers or assisting the member to understand and cope with the member's disability, behavior coaching, role modeling and mentoring.

Providers: BHTs and BHPP's (See Staff Qualifications Section)

Limitations: BHT's and BHPP's are limited to providing this service under an ADHS licensed agency or a State Certified Community Service Agency.

As an additional limitation, these services can not be billed in combination with services in an institutional setting, residential treatment center, or behavioral health residential facility.

Crisis Intervention Services: Community-based mobile crisis intervention services are items and services, that are--

(1) furnished to an individual otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the State plan who is--

- (A) outside of a hospital or other facility setting; and
- (B) experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis;

(2) furnished by a multidisciplinary mobile crisis team--

(A) that includes at least 1 behavioral health care professional who is capable of conducting an assessment of the individual, in accordance with the professional's permitted scope of practice under State law, and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health or mental health crisis response, including nurses, social workers, peer support specialists, and others, as designated by the State

(B) whose members are trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction;

(C) that is able to respond in a timely manner and, where appropriate, provide--

- (i) screening and assessment;
- (ii) stabilization and de-escalation; and
- (iii) coordination with, and referrals to, health, social, and other services and supports as needed, and health services as needed;

(D) that maintains relationships with relevant community partners, including medical and behavioral health providers, primary care providers, community health centers, crisis respite centers, and managed care organizations (if applicable); and

(E) that maintains the privacy and confidentiality of patient information consistent with Federal and State requirements; and

(3) available 24 hours per day, every day of the year.